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WINTER TIRES )

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend this application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 6 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 20 of this paper.

An Attachment follows page 20 of this paper. The Attachment includes an Abstract of the Disclosure labeled as page 40.